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The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling its resolutions 15 (XXXV) of 13 March 1979, 33 (XXXVI) of 11 March 1980, 31 (XXXVII) of 11 March 1981, 1982/34 of 11 March 1982, 1983/32 of 8 March 1983 and 1984/51 of 14 March 1984 concerning the situation of human rights in Equatorial Guinea,

Bearing in mind that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1982/36 of 7 May 1982, took note of the plan of action proposed by the United Nations and accepted by the Government of Equatorial Guinea, which is based on recommendations submitted by Mr. Fernando Volio Jiménez, the expert appointed by the Secretary-General pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 33 (XXXVI),

Further recalling that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1982/36, requested the Secretary-General, with expert assistance if necessary, to discuss with the Government of Equatorial Guinea the role that the United Nations could play in the implementation of the plan of action and invited the Government of Equatorial Guinea to co-operate with the Secretary-General in that respect,

1. Takes note of the note by the Secretary-General 94/ transmitting the report submitted by the expert, Mr. Fernando Volio Jiménez, on his mission to Equatorial Guinea in November 1984;
2. Further notes the improvement in the observance of human rights in Equatorial Guinea which can be seen from the expert's report;
3. Commends the expert for his report on the situation of human rights in Equatorial Guinea prepared in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/36 of 24 May 1984;
4. Recommends the following draft resolution to the Economic and Social Council for adoption:

[For the text, see chap. I, sect. A, draft resolution III.]

93/ Adopted at the 51st meeting, on 11 March 1985, without a vote. See chap. XXII.

94/ E/CN.4/1985/9 and Add.1.

III. Situation in Equatorial Guinea 3/

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1982/36 of 7 May 1982, 1983/35 of 27 May 1983 and 1984/36 of 24 May 1984,

Bearing in mind Commission on Human Rights resolution 1985/30 of 11 March 1985,

Considering that the conclusions and recommendations 4/ of the expert appointed by the Secretary-General pursuant to Council resolution 1984/36 of 24 May 1984 concerning his recent mission to Equatorial Guinea indicate that more needs to be done by the United Nations and the Government of Equatorial Guinea to implement and make better use of the plan of action 5/ proposed by the United Nations and accepted by the Government of Equatorial Guinea,

1. Requests the Government of Equatorial Guinea to consider the possibility of continuing to implement the plan of action, taking particular account of the expert's new proposals, especially those concerning amendments to the Fundamental Law of that country;
2. Further requests the Government of Equatorial Guinea to take steps to facilitate the repatriation of all refugees and exiles, including the adoption of measures enabling all citizens of Equatorial Guinea to participate fully in the country's political, economic, social and cultural affairs, thus helping to relieve the shortage of specialized personnel mentioned in the expert's report;
3. Appeals to the Government of Equatorial Guinea to accede to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, among other international instruments concerning human rights and fundamental freedoms;
4. Requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with the expert's report, to hold discussions with the Government of Equatorial Guinea with a view to carrying out the expert's recommendations regarding assistance to that country, so that the plan of action can be fully implemented in the interests of the full and effective observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
5. Further requests the Secretary-General to appoint an expert to co-operate with the Government of Equatorial Guinea in the full implementation of the plan of action proposed by the United Nations and accepted by that Government;
6. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to keep this matter under consideration at its forty-second session.

3/ See chap. II, sect.A, resolution 1985/30, and chap. XXII.

4/ E/CN.4/1985/9, chap. II.

5/ Ibid., annex II.